



# **MINUTES**

## ***Regional Planning and Highways Committee Meeting***

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### **Committee Members Present via Teleconference**

Mark A. Murphy, Chairman  
Lisa A. Bartlett  
Doug Chaffee  
Patrick Harper  
Gene Hernandez  
Vicente Sarmiento

### **Staff Present**

Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Sara Meisenheimer, Deputy Clerk of the Board  
Allison Cheshire, Interim Deputy Clerk of the Board

### **Committee Members Absent**

Barbara Delgleize, Vice Chair

### **Via Teleconference:**

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer  
James Donich, General Counsel

## **Call to Order**

The February 1, 2021 regular meeting of the Regional Planning and Highways (RP&H) Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman Murphy at 10:32 a.m.

## **Roll Call**

The Deputy Clerk of the Board conducted an attendance Roll Call and announced that there was quorum of the RP&H Committee.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

Committee Chairman Murphy led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **1. Public Comments**

No public comments were received.

## **Special Calendar**

### **2. Committee Meeting 2021 Schedule**

Committee Chairman Murphy led a discussion regarding the 2021 Regional Planning and Highways Committee schedule and noted the two holidays that land on the first Monday of the month. Those meetings will be scheduled to Thursday, July 1, 2021 and Thursday, September 2, 2021.

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), recommended to adopt the proposed schedule and to meet on the first Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

**2. (Continued)**

A motion was made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Bartlett, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to approve the 2021 Regional Planning and Highways Committee meetings calendar.

**3. Roles and Responsibilities of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee**

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), stated that the roles and responsibilities are a tool to make sure items are being agenized correctly under the jurisdiction of each committee. Mr. Johnson, CEO, noted that Attachment A is essentially the same as last year except for one minor exception in the first bullet.

A motion was made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Chaffee, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to approve the 2021 Regional Planning and Highways Committee Roles and Responsibilities.

**Consent Calendar (Items 4 through 8)**

**4. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Director Chaffee, seconded by Director Bartlett, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to approve the minutes of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee meeting of January 4, 2021.

Director Sarmiento abstained due to not being present at the January 4, 2021 RP&H Committee meeting.

**5. Amendment to Agreement for Program Management Consultant Services for Highway Programs**

A motion was made by Director Chaffee, seconded by Director Bartlett, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 11 to Agreement No. C-5-3767 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Mott MacDonald, LLC, to exercise the two-year option term for program management consultant services for the Highway Programs Department, in the amount of \$14,900,000, and extend the term of the agreement through August 23, 2023. This will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$39,680,661.



**6. Capital Programming Update**

A motion was made by Director Chaffee, seconded by Director Bartlett, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to:

- A. Authorize the use of \$10.579 million in Measure M2 funds for the Interstate 5 improvements from Interstate 405 to Yale Avenue (Segment 1).
- B. Authorize the use of \$3.240 million in Highway Infrastructure Program funds for the State Route 57 Improvement Project from Orangewood Avenue to Katella Avenue.
- C. Authorize the use of \$4.766 million in Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant or Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement funds for the following transit projects:
  - \$4.500 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement funds for the rideshare and vanpool programs.
  - \$0.266 million in Surface Transportation Block Grant funds for the Orange County Mobility Hub Strategy.
- D. Authorize staff to process all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program and execute or amend all necessary agreements to facilitate the above actions.

**7. Award of Agreement for Regional Modeling Traffic Operations On-Call Support Staffing**

A motion was made by Director Chaffee, seconded by Director Bartlett, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to:

- A. Approve the selection of W.G. Zimmerman Engineering, Inc., as the firm to provide on-call support staffing services for the Regional Modeling Traffic Operations section.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-0-2608 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and W.G. Zimmerman Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$400,000, for a two-year initial term with two, two-year option terms.



**8. Measure M2 Environmental Cleanup Program - Project X Tier 1 Grant Program Call for Projects**

A motion was made by Director Chaffee, seconded by Director Bartlett, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to:

- A. Approve the proposed revisions to the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Guidelines for the Environmental Cleanup Program Tier 1 Program.
- B. Authorize staff to issue the fiscal year 2021 Environmental Cleanup Program Tier 1 call for projects.

**Regular Calendar**

**9. South Orange County Multimodal Transportation Study Update**

Darrell E. Johnson, CEO, provided opening comments and introduced Warren Whitaker, Principal Transportation Analyst, who presented a PowerPoint presentation as follows:

- Study Objectives;
- Study Background;
- Study Scope Highlights;
- Public Partner Agency Engagement;
- Transportation Issues and Opportunities;
- Purpose and Need Statement;
- Conceptual Strategies;
- Initial Alternatives Strategies – Scenarios; and
- Next Steps.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- For outreach purposes, an elected officials' roundtable was conducted in the fall and staff is targeting dates to do a follow-up in the spring and focus on elected officials in south Orange County.
- Highlighted conceptual strategies and the screening process being important, which includes public and partner agency input.
- Director Bartlett complimented the presentation and commented on the traffic in south county, "densifying" the project sites, and how south county only has one freeway. She stated that options like OC Flex are viable enhancements to getting people picked up and connected to areas of transit.

### 9. (Continued)

- The next steps of this item include:
  - The item will go the Board of Directors' (Board) meeting on February 8, 2021.
  - The screening will involve technical committees who will conduct the modeling and evaluation.
  - Once the results are received, the committee will continue to be engaged in the technical working groups.
  - Have a first round which is similar to what was conducted in the Staff Report and attachments.
  - Come back to this Committee and Board later this year with the results of that screening.
- Committee Chairman Murphy extended his thanks to staff for their efforts and the collaboration among agencies which is required to conduct this study. He added that those efforts will pay dividends for years to come in terms of mobility in Orange County.

Following the discussion, no action was taken on this receive and file information item.

## Discussion Items

### 10. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Darrell E. Johnson, CEO, reported on the following:

- Last week, the California Transportation Commission hosted its monthly meeting and kicked off the 2022 State Transportation Improvement Programs cycle. It is anticipated that OCTA could receive up to approximately \$60 million in new revenue in early 2022. Those numbers may change as the gas tax funds the state transportation improvement program.
- Cypress College has been added to the student bus pass program this spring semester. The program first launched in 2017 at Santa Ana College and since then has been expanded to local colleges. Although Cypress College is currently doing remote learning, the students can still ride on every OC Bus route through this program.
- The new Biden Administration has announced that it is now a federal mandate to wear a mask while using public transit. Yesterday, the Transportation Security Administration issued a directive to inform passengers. Mr. Johnson, CEO, believes OCTA has been in compliance with the new guidelines since it has been a requirement since May 2020.
- Welcomes Directors Hernandez and Sarmiento to the RP&H Committee and looks forward to working with them.



**11. Committee Members' Reports**

There were no Committee Members' reports.

**12. Closed Session**

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **10:30 a.m. on Monday, March 1, 2021**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, Conference Room 07, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

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Mark A. Murphy  
Committee Chairman

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Sahara Meisenheimer  
Deputy Clerk of the Board